

# Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Meeting Summary

*March 4, 2004*

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| 3.0         | <p><b>The Consent Calendar</b> was approved without discussion. The Consent Calendar included the February meeting minutes, the Inter-Governmental Review Quarterly Report, and the Legislative Matrix.</p>   |
| 4.1         | <p><b>Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Growth Forecast.</b> Lynn Harris, Manager of Community Development, presented the revised growth forecast for the RTP that the Regional Council will consider for adoption in April. Ms. Harris gave an overview of the process of public outreach and the collection and review of comments. Ms. Harris stated that most comments suggesting actual revisions to the growth forecast had been accommodated. Several questions were asked by members of the Committee regarding the revised forecast numbers, including whether comments had been satisfactorily addressed for the Gateway Cities area and for Riverside County. Staff stated that all levels of technical review were satisfied with the forecast results. The Committee approved the recommendation to forward to the Regional Council for adoption, with no objections.</p> |
| 5.1         | <p><b>Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)/Housing Element Reform Legislative Update.</b> Staff updated the committee on developments related to the next RHNA. Specifically staff reported that the Legislative Analyst's Office recommended eliminating the RHNA mandate. Further, staff reported that the Statewide Housing Element Working Group is nearing completion of negotiated changes to State housing statute. Staff reviewed proposed reforms for which there is currently consensus on the Working Group, and compared those proposals to the Regional Council's adopted priorities. There was substantial discussion leading to an agreement to review broad legislative and fiscal issues affecting housing at a future meeting.</p>  |
| 5.2         | <p><b>Housing Summit.</b> Staff reported on progress in planning the upcoming Housing Summit, which is currently scheduled for May 21. Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal has agreed to participate, and the Steering Committee is hopeful that Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Sunne Wright McPeak will agree to attend as well.</p>   |
| 6.0         | <p><b>Chair's Report.</b> SCAG President Bev Perry reported that the Growth Visioning Sub-Committee will hold one more meeting before dissolving. The Draft Growth Vision will come before the CEHD next month.</p>   |
| 7.0         | <p><b>Staff Report.</b> Staff informed the Committee of two upcoming events; a forum on workforce housing on March 25, and the Rail-Volution Conference on September 18-22.</p>   |
| 8.0         | <p><b>Future Agenda Items.</b> None offered</p>   |
| 9.0         | <p><b>Closed Session.</b> No Closed Session held</p>  |

# Energy and Environment Committee Meeting Summary

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| 5.1         | 2004 RTP Program Environmental Impact Report –The Committee approved the release of the Response to Comments, with corrections from the Committee, and will recommend that at their April meeting the Regional Council certify the final EIR and that the RC adopt the Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.  |
| 6.0         | Andrea Hricko of the USC Keck School of Medicine gave a presentation on recent research into the health effects of transportation.   |
| 7.0         | The next meeting of the Water Policy Task Force is April 8, 2004.  |
| 8.0         | Staff reported that the modeling results for the 2004 RTP indicate that it will meet the tests for conformity. EPA will not be able to issue its adequacy finding for emissions budgets for Ventura County and the Southeast Desert prior to the April 1 <sup>st</sup> Regional Council action, but EPA has agreed to work with ARB to expedite the review of the emissions budgets. On the timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures, staff have been working with the County Transportation Commissions, and any pending issues on the Draft 2004 RTP have been resolved. |
| 9.0         | <u>Future agenda items:</u> The presentation on the Western Riverside County Habitat Conservation Efforts will be rescheduled for the May meeting. There will also be a presentation on a proposed Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) import terminal at the Port of Long Beach. Items for future meetings include a presentation from appropriate state representatives on energy issues. A presentation by Santa Monica city staff on the city's 30-year initiative to leave the power grid is to be available in the next couple of months.  |

**Note:** There will not be a meeting of the EEC Committee in April to allow a more comprehensive discussion of the Regional Transportation Plan at the April Regional Council meeting.

# Transportation and Communication Committee Meeting Summary

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### 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

The Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) approved recommending the Final Draft 2004 RTP for adoption by the Regional Council. Overall, the TCC was conformable with the Plan, and directed staff to address a number of minor issues in the Final Draft 2004 RTP to be presented to the RC. These issues include:

- 1) emphasize the need for continued cooperation between SCAG and the County Transportation Commissions (CTC) beyond the plan adoption to fully address the TDM goals and funding issues;
- 2) clarify that allowing Long Combination Vehicles (LCV) is not endorsed in the 2004 RTP;
- 4.1 3) add a footnote relative to the Bob Hope Airport demand forecast, that the Airport Authority is not supportive of the demand forecast and assumes a lower capacity than the plan does; and
- 4) add a footnote relative to a potential commercial airport in Imperial County and increased activity at Palm Springs.

Staff was also directed to include in it's presentation to the Regional Council, a post adoption plan which would address a potential plan amendment, financial constraint, RTIP, conformity, Task Force framework, and growth visioning implementation process.

### FY 2005 Federal Transportation Appropriations Request

Staff reported that representatives from SCAG and the regional county transportation commissions traveled to Washington, DC on February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to advocate on behalf of the Southern California Consensus Program for TEA-21 Reauthorization. The trip was a follow-up to the original Consensus Program visit to Washington in February 2003.

- 4.2 Both the TCC and Regional Council approved more than \$344 million in federal appropriations requests for a series of critical transportation projects throughout Southern California. The appropriations submittals are being moved forward to Senators Feinstein and Boxer at a critical time in the legislative process as individual members of Congress are submitting their respective requests to the Appropriations Committees.